

CONTENTS (*continued*)

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Paragraphs</i>
9 Administrative matters (<i>continued</i>)	23 - 28
10 Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-third session	29 - 36
11 Adoption of the report	37 - 39
- Closure of the session	40 - 46

The meeting was called to order at 3 15 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT DECISIONS (IDB.22/L.2-L.9)

1. The **PRESIDENT** said that a number of draft decisions, most of which had been discussed in informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Urruela Prado (Guatemala), were before the Board.

2. **Mr. URRUELA PRADO** (Guatemala), speaking as chairman of the informal consultations, said that the draft decisions before the Board on items 4, 5, 7 and 8 were the work of two meetings, both of which had been characterized by a spirit of compromise.

3. The **PRESIDENT** said that he was submitting the draft decisions approved in the informal consultations as drafts of the President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION IN 1999 (*continued*) (IDB.22.2 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

4. The **PRESIDENT** said that no draft decision had been submitted under the item. He proposed that the Board should take note of the documentation provided by the Secretariat on the subject.

5. *It was so decided.*

FINANCING THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMMES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (*continued*) (IDB.22.2 and Corr.1 and Add.1, IDB.22/3, IDB.22/4; IDB.22/L.6)

6. The **PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.22/L.6.

7. *The draft decision was adopted.*

FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO, INCLUDING ARREARS (*continued*) (IDB.22.8; IDB.22/CRP.4; IDB.22/L.2)

8. The **PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.22/L.2.

9. *The draft decision was adopted.*

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES (*continued*) (IDB.22.2 and Corr.1 and Add.1, IDB.22/7 and Corr.1 and 2, IDB.22/CRP.3)

10. **Mr. SRINIVAS** (India) said he felt that the term "stand-alone project" was a misnomer because the projects concerned had linkages with various other ongoing programmes. Moreover, for a large country like his it would be difficult to have a truly integrated programme; such a programme would be unwieldy. India would prefer the concept of an umbrella framework within which various projects could be taken up which might not fit into an integrated programme as currently defined.

11. The **PRESIDENT** said that no draft decision had been submitted under the item. He proposed that the Board should take note of the documentation provided by the Secretariat.

12. *It was so decided.*

IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION GC.8 RES.3 ON SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (*continued*) (IDB.22/9; IDB.22/L.8)

13. The **PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.22/L.8.

14. *The draft decision was adopted.*

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (*continued*) (IDB.22/10 and Add.1, IDB.22/L.7)

15. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.22/L.7.

16. **Mr. D'AMBROSIO** (Managing Director, Sectoral Support and Environmental Sustainability Division) said that a number of questions had been raised regarding the establishment of an international centre for sustainable industrial development. The proposed centre was relevant and in line with the UNIDO Business Plan. It addressed issues upstream of the National Cleaner Production Centre Programme. As for financing, it was not possible at present to have an accurate forecast but the Government of Slovenia was thinking of providing the centre initially with a minimum amount of \$250,000 per annum. Additional resources were foreseen in the future, perhaps for specific projects. UNIDO was not requested to make any resources available, although it would have a coordinating role and it was to be expected that some staff member time would be required, although probably not more than half the time of a Professional. The proposed centre was supported by a number of local institutions in Slovenia, and according to information from the Slovenian Government it was also supported by other organizations in the region.

17. **Mr. FREEMAN** (United Kingdom) said that the Secretariat's answers were not wholly satisfactory. His delegation had an entirely open mind on the matter, but felt that more information and more work was needed. His concern had been that the proposed centre might be undertaking tasks that could be performed by other bodies in the private sector, universities or the International Centre for Science and High Technology (ICS) in Trieste, Italy. As for resources, it was important to know what the amount of \$250,000 would be paying for. If it was paying only staff costs, where would the additional resources come from to pay for other expenditure, and what prospects were there of attracting such resources? Was the proposed centre to be a UNIDO centre? Who would in fact own it? Such questions needed answering before a final decision was taken. He proposed that paragraph (c) of the draft decision be amended to refer to "possible future cooperation" rather than "the future cooperation".

18. **Mr. D'AMBROSIO** (Managing Director, Sectoral Support and Environmental Sustainability Division) said that coordination with ICS was currently being explored, and there would be coordination with local universities. At the regional level, there were apparently a number of interested academic and governmental institutions in neighbouring countries. As for the prospect of attracting additional resources, it was not possible to be definite at present; there was a commitment from the Government of

Slovenia to fund the centre's initial activities, and there were possibilities of further projects.

19. **Mr. UMER** (Pakistan), supporting the proposal for the establishment of a centre, said that his understanding of the proposal was that only after the centre had been set up by the Slovenian Government would possibilities be explored of cooperation between it and UNIDO.

20. **The PRESIDENT** asked whether the amendment proposed by the United Kingdom was accepted.

21. *It was so decided.*

22. *Draft decision IDB.22/L.7, as amended, was adopted.*

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (*continued*) (IDB.22/5, IDB.22/6 and Add.1, IDB.22/L.3 and L.9)

23. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.22/L.3 on "Personnel matters". He noted that paragraph (d) contained a gap for the insertion of the name and country of the person to replace Mr. Almeida as alternate member of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee effective 1 June 2000.

24. **Ms. ALEMAYEHU** (Ethiopia) said it was proposed that Mr. L. Gansonré (Burkina Faso) should be appointed in that capacity.

25. *It was so decided.*

26. *The draft decision was adopted.*

27. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.22/L.9 on the "Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit".

28. *The draft decision was adopted.*

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DATE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION (IDB.22/CRP.2, IDB.22/L.4 and L.5)

29. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.22/L.4 on the "Date of the sixteenth session of the Programme and Budget Committee".

30. *Draft decision IDB.22/L.4 was adopted.*

31. **The PRESIDENT** drew attention to draft decision IDB.22/L.5 on the "Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-third session".

32. **Mr. FREEMAN** (United Kingdom) said that it might need a week to deal with all the agenda items

proposed. He asked for an explanation of what would be covered by the proposed items 7 and 10.

33. **Ms. ORLOWSKI** (Secretariat) said that under item 7 the Secretariat was supposed to report briefly on UNIDO's activities in response to United Nations General Assembly resolution 52/203. Item 10 covered requests from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for consultative status; time permitting, the Secretariat would also report on its ongoing and possible future activities with such organizations.

34. **Mr. FREEMAN** (United Kingdom) said that he would not labour the point, but thought such reporting could be covered by the Director-General's annual report.

35. **The PRESIDENT** asked whether there was consensus on the draft decision. He noted that the proposal that the Board should hold its session from 14 to 16 November 2000 would allow a three-day session but leave open the possibility of completing the work in two days.

36. *Draft decision IDB.22/L.5 was adopted.*

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT (IDB.22/L.1)

37. **Mr. LAASSEL** (Morocco), Rapporteur, introducing document IDB.22/L.1, said that it merely represented the framework of the report. The final version would be compiled in close consultation with the Friends of the Rapporteur and would duly reflect the proceedings of the session.

38. **The PRESIDENT** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Board wished to adopt the draft report as a whole on the understanding that the Rapporteur would finalize it in consultation with the Friends of the Rapporteur as soon as possible after the closure of the session.

39. *It was so decided.*

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

40. **Mr. MAGARIÑOS** (Director-General) expressed his thanks and those of the Secretariat to the members of the Board for their support and appreciation.

41. The Board's discussions would be crucial in determining the framework for UNIDO's development in

the next few years, and he would be convening informal meetings before the next session to discuss strategies so that the integrated programmes required by countries in accordance with the guidelines set by the Business Plan could be provided. The continuation of the dialogue was vital. The Board's current session had been just as important as the meetings in 1997, when it had been necessary to reach consensus on short-term action. The current session would make it possible to tackle the medium and longer term with hope and enthusiasm, in open dialogue and a spirit of cooperation.

42. Excellent news had been received of the intentions of Austria, Denmark and Ireland to make untied contributions. Just as importantly, Burkina Faso and Madagascar had announced that they were paying their arrears of contributions. Financial stability had now been attained, not because the collection of contributions had improved substantially but because mechanisms had been introduced to ensure a sustained cash flow, and the Organization was not currently facing a financial crisis. However, all who wished to support UNIDO should first of all pay their contributions on time and in full.

43. As far as voluntary contributions were concerned, the impression should not be given that such contributions were being sought only from the most highly developed countries. Member States like Rwanda had contributed modest sums to the Industrial Development Fund, as had other recipients of technical cooperation. Attention must be given to expanding the donor base.

44. In his view, UNIDO had an important role to play on the world's economic scene in the coming century. He had tried to transmit that view, notably at the Forum on Industrial Development held during the last General Conference session, and was pleased to note from statements made at the current session of the Board that his message had been heard.

45. The present climate of goodwill, frankness and constructive debate in the Board made it possible to be optimistic about UNIDO's future. The views of the members of the Board would be taken into account, he would put his own ideas forward and he was confident that valuable results would emerge.

46. **The PRESIDENT** expressed his thanks to the Director-General, the Secretariat and all who had contributed to the success of the session.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.